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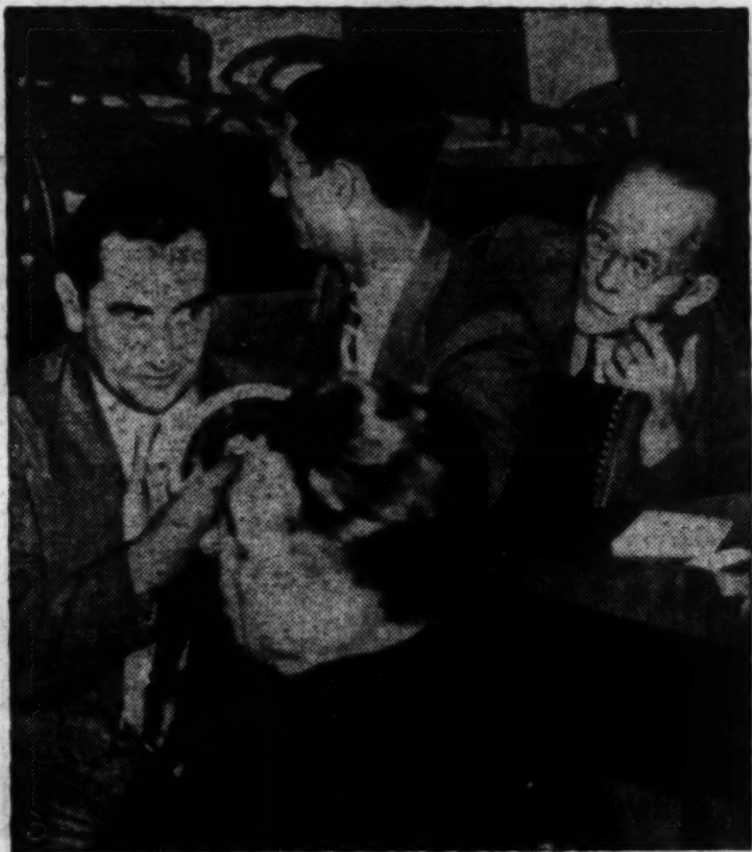
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**BENDING AN EAR:** Mississippi's Negro baiting Senator (right) bends an alert ear to take in testimony of his former secretary Edward Terry at the Senate War Investigating Committee hearings.

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**EDWARD TERRY**, former secretary to Senator Theodore Bilbo (D-Miss), shown as he testified at the Senate War Investigating Committee hearings in Washington. He revealed that war contractors underwrote a Bilbo campaign deficit of \$4,350 in 1940

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## WORLD EVENTS

# UN Votes Fact-Finding Group for Balkans

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 19. — Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko agreed today to an on-the-spot investigation of Greek border disputes by UN, with the proviso that it include all Greece and only the border areas of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania where they touch on Greece.

Gromyko introduced his proposal as an amendment to the U. S. motion in the Security Council to send a commission to the trouble spots in the Balkans.

Herschel V. Johnson, United States representative on the Council,

### BULLETIN

The United Nations Security Council voted last night to send an 11-member fact-finding commission to the Balkans after Andrei Gromyko dropped an attempt to keep the board of inquiry out of the interior area of Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Albania.

Johnson, replied that the U. S. could not accept an amendment if it prejudged who was to blame.

Oscar Lange of Poland supported the sense of the Russian amendment, and also suggested that representatives of the four disputing Balkan countries send advisers along with the UN investigators.

Evidence before the Council showed, Gromyko stated, that blame for unrest in the Balkans falls on the Greek monarchist government. He charged that Greek Premier Constantin Tsaldaris had brought complaints against his neighbors to divert attention "from the deep-seated causes" of the trouble in Greece.

"The Greek Government is trying to ascribe to external causes conditions of near-civil war which are caused only by internal causes," Gromyko declared.

"Foreign intervention—not by one of Greece's neighbors—but by another foreign power" is to blame for the situation in Greece, the Soviet delegate added. This was an obvious reference to Great Britain, whose troops occupy Greece and which is arming the Greek army to war against the former resistance fighters.

### PRESCRIBES CURE

Yugoslav delegate Sava Kostanovich told the Council that what the UN should investigate "is civil war in Greece." He added, "The situation in Greece is like a contagious disease. It is necessary to find the right diagnosis—the center of infection—and not try to fight the symptoms."

Previously the Yugoslav delegate had cited numerous cases of border violations by the Greek Army, and its arming of war criminals who fled from Yugoslavia to Greece. He also submitted a list of 200 German officers now serving in the Greek army, to the Council chairman, U. S. delegate Herschel V. Johnson.

## Paul Langevin, Dies at 74

Prof. Paul Langevin, 74, one of France's greatest scientists and a pioneer in atomic energy, died yesterday in Paris after a brief illness.

Langevin was a member of the French Communist Party, was active in the Popular Front and the working class movement of France. He was especially known for his research work in electro-magnetism and sound, and was the only Frenchman who received two medals from the Royal Society.

Langevin was professor of general physics at the College of France for many years, and was dismissed from that post in 1940 by the Vichy government.



**Tragedy in Greece:** The land of Greece is filled with scenes like these, where women mourn their menfolk slain in the Greek royalist government's terror against the people. Soviets at UN yesterday agreed to on-the-spot probe of conditions in Greece and the Balkans.



### WORLD BRIEFS

## DEBATE ITALY'S PACT WITH VATICAN

AN ITALIAN constitutional assembly subcommittee recommended inclusion of the 1929 Lateran treaties between the Roman Catholic Church and the Italian state in the proposed new constitution. Socialists and Communists objected to naming the pacts as such because the Lateran treaty, which was signed by Mussolini, states that Catholicism is the religion of the nation.

GEN. MACARTHUR and Soviet Gen. Derevyanko, Russian member of the Allied Council for Japan, signed an agreement for the repatriation of 50,000 Japanese prisoners each month from the Soviet Union.

EMPEROR HIROHITO has reduced the number of imperial families from 15 to 4. Under the plan the married princes reduced to commoners will receive \$100,000, single princes \$50,000 and minors \$25,000 under a law pending in the Diet.

WILLIAM ZIFF, New York publisher and self-styled spokesman for the Palestine Jewish underground, delivered a message to the World Zionist congress that further Zionist-British collaboration or partition would cause immediate civil war in Palestine.

THE VENEZUELAN Constituent Assembly confirmed the powers of the Revolutionary government Junta established last year, so that it may remain in charge till a provisional president is elected by the assembly.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN announced that four U.S. maritime

commission vessels have been assigned to ferry refugees from Europe to the United States.

MARTIN BORMANN, Hitler's deputy may be alive and hiding in South America, a U.S. military government official in Berlin stated. He said a search for Bormann is still continuing in Bavaria.

## Chiang Cold To Proposal for Big 3 Mediation

Chinese Kuomintang officials were annoyed about the proposal of two U.S. Senators for Big Three mediation in China's civil war, according to United Press.

Senators James E. Murray (D-Mont) and Ralph E. Flanders (R-Vt) proposed yesterday in Washington that the U.S. halt its single-handed efforts in China, and recommended a Big Three conference headed by Gen. George C. Marshall.

A prominent Kuomintang leader said, "The Chinese government will take no notice of it or consider it."

Wang Ping-nan, Communist spokesman, and Dr. Lo Lung-chi, Democratic League leader, said the best course was for all countries to keep "hands off" and let China settle her own problems.

At least six Chinese Kuomintang air force soldiers and one policeman were injured in a downtown clash in Shanghai yesterday that lasted for three hours, during which several shots were fired.

## Iranian Troops Kill Soviet Citizens, Say Moscow Papers

Central government forces of Iran have killed 600 Azerbaijan democrats and arrested 300, in a fierce reign of terror which also was directed against Soviet citizens, a dispatch from Tabriz to Moscow newspapers reported yesterday.

The dispatch charged that Iranian troops were carrying out executions and attacks on Soviet citizens in the Azerbaijan capital.

Soviet newspapers and radio cited "bandits who have become bold and who are attacking Soviet institutions and citizens," in Tabriz. Iran's Premier Ahmad Ghavam yesterday sent officials into Azerbaijan to take over control of the province. He also announced elections would be held Sunday, supervised by his Army.

Azerbaijan shares a frontier line of over 3,000 miles with the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile the leaders of the World Federation of Trade Unions protested to the Iranian ambassador in France against the anti-labor policies of the Iranian government.

A delegation led by WFTU secretary-general Louis Sallant, U.S. delegate Adolph Germer, Walter Schevenels of Belgium and Michael Paline of the Soviet Union visited the Iranian ambassador in Paris. They warned him they would protest to the United Nations Economic and Social Council unless imprisoned trade unionists are released in Iran and families of trade unionists who were executed by the government, received compensation.

## Latin American Unions Rap U.S. Military Policy

By Joseph Starobin

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 14 (Delayed). — The executive committee of the Latin American Confederation of Labor completed its week-long sessions here last night, with a slashing criticism of North American economic and military policies. At the same time, the CTAL reaffirmed its friendship with the CIO and expressed support for the U. S. miners in their struggle against the injunction proceedings.

Three major resolutions were adopted unanimously of particular interest to American workers:

1) Opposition to President Truman's bill for the coordination of the military establishments in this hemisphere, which the CTAL considers an expression of US imperialism and a strengthening of reactionary forces below the Rio Grande.

2) Opposition to Under-Secretary William Clayton's "free trade" plans, which the CTAL feels would undermine the actual sovereignty of Latin American countries and hamper the development of their own industry and agriculture. The CTAL called on all Latin American governments to act in common against any proposals which would reduce protective tariffs for native industry here, or enable North American capital to penetrate economic life still further in the guise of freer trade. At the same time, the CTAL repeated its proposals for large-scale industrialization and liberation of agriculture from from semi-feudal conditions on the basis of terms acceptable to the Latin American peoples.

3) Friendship for the CIO was reaffirmed after a report on the CIO convention by the fraternal delegate, Felix Knight, of the Oil Workers Union. Injunction proceedings against the miners were protested as a menace to all American labor and the CIO was congratulated on the resolution of the Atlantic City sessions which put the CIO on record in favor of Big Three unity and rejected warmongering.

Equally important, however, was the clarification of the CTAL's internal problems. Vicente Lombardo Toledano, the CTAL president, was given unanimous support in his call for a hemisphere-wide battle against

the AFL's plans to build a rival federation.

There is "universal" support here for Lombardo's emphasis on the CTAL's function as a trade union federation "independent of any governments, the church, or political parties."

On the surface, it may appear that this formulation criticizes the intimate connection between political parties and the labor movements here. On the other hand, it is strongly felt in political circles that the CTAL could well improve its work as a trade union body. If Lombardo's formulation will help in this direction, political leaders are far from taking issue with his way of putting it.

The major internal improvements in the CTAL's work were as follows:

(a) The separate factions of the Venezuelan labor movement, representing the Communists and Romulo Betancourt's Accion Democratica signed a formal agreement here to unite their ranks. The CTAL congratulated them on their forthcoming unity convention.

(b) Similar support was expressed for the unification of Colombia's labor movement, which was accomplished on Dec. 5 in Bogota just before this meeting.

(c) In Chile, the labor leader supporting Bernardo Ibanez (now working for the AFL) decided here to seek unity with the Chilean Confederation of Labor, and the CTAL is sending a commission down there to help.

(d) A special regional conference for Central America is being called shortly, to investigate conditions in these countries. Panama's newly formed Confederation of Labor will be assisted. Particularly protest was leveled at the government of El Salvador where a reign of terror against labor is going on.

(e) A special resolution was adopted condemning the imprisonment of Pedro Saad, head of Ecuador's labor movement and an executive member of the CTAL. In this same category of problems, the CTAL decided to investigate reasons for the absence of delegations from Peru and Brazil, suspecting government interference.



## LABOR and the NATION



SLOAN

Break 'em into small pieces

# GM's Sloan Demands Gov't Break Up Labor Unions

By George Morris

Alfred P. Sloan Jr., chairman of General Motors, yesterday demanded that existing unions be broken up into small parts or that the right to strike should be limited. The head of the world's largest corporation also demand-

ed that unions be subject to prosecution under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act as "monopolies." He asked that the scope of a union be limited by law. Along with these demands,

Sloan put forward a 10-point plan of battle against labor.

The election outcome "completes an era," said Sloan triumphantly as he listed all the bugbears of Big Business under Roosevelt. He proclaimed that "all such things are finished."

Sloan assailed "economic theories" which hold that wage increases are imperative, that prices must be held and that profits must be cut. He predicted that 1947 would be a good business year but added that if it isn't, it will be due to strikes.

Sloan's plan, released from GM offices here, was prepared for delivery at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Boston.

The Boston speech will undoubtedly become a guide post for the anti-labor legislation now being prepared by such anti-union experts like Senator Joseph Ball of Minnesota and Senator Charles Taft of Ohio.

## ANTI-MONOPOLIST

Sloan's main complaint was the size and strength of unions, and their ability to bargain with corporations like his own on a nationwide scale.

He demanded that Congress "limit, by law, the jurisdiction of any one union." This, he continued, "can be accomplished in either of two ways: by (a) dissolving existing unions into parts so no one part has the economic power to substantially affect the public interest (he means match the power of a corporation) or (b) by limiting the power of any one union as now constituted to strike."

"I am unalterably opposed to arbitration or anything of that kind in any form, under any conditions," Sloan added.

## PROGRAM

Sloan put forward the following list of the anti-labor program:

1. Under "freedom of speech" he demands that employers should have a full right to agitate among their employees on which union they should choose or whether they should choose a union at all. This would nullify the provision in the Wagner Act which bars an employer from interfering in the free choice of a bargaining agency.

2. "Collective bargaining on an industry basis should be prohibited as a monopolistic practice." This would require unions to bargain for each plant separately when meeting corporations like GM, which has a hundred plants. It would revive the old open shop practice of pitting the workers of one plant against another or shifting work to plants where locals were forced to submit to lower scales.

3. National Labor Relations Board decisions should be subject to court review. This would enable employers to tie up the NLRB with long litigation while practical steps were

taken by the bosses to pick a union to pieces.

## SEEKS COURT SUITS

4. Labor unions should be subject to court damage suits and penalties for alleged breach of contract. This would open the door for revival of the old union-busting industry and its stool pigeons and provocateurs who would deliberately arrange violence, damage and wildcat strikes, to give employers grounds for such suits.

5. Foremen, Sloan demands, should be regarded by law as part of the management. This would deprive a large number of wage earners of collective bargaining rights and place them by law on management's side. Also, management could name a large part of the personnel as "foremen" and thereby remove them from bargaining units.

6. "The closed shop should be outlawed," Sloan demands, because it is "monopolistic." Sloan, of course, means by the closed shop, any union shop provision that requires workers to maintain membership or join a union after a period of employment. Thus employer-sponsored groups would be encouraged to continue disruptive operations against the recognized union.

## OUTSIDERS TO VOTE

7. Under the head of "democracy," Sloan demands that approval or disapproval of a contract or any action affecting conditions in the shop, should not be left for decision only to the members of the recognized union, but to be subject to the decision of the non-members as well. This is another measure to discourage union membership and to encourage anti-union groups both within and outside a union.

8. "Unions should be prohibited from making contributions and, as such, supporting political activities." This is aimed against not only financial support for candidates supported by labor, but even endorsing candidates or forming such political arms of labor as the CIO Political Action Committee. Sloan dreads the day when an aroused labor will once more put many progressives in Congress.

9. "All forms of violence and coercion should be outlawed with heavy penalties." This is the old formula to bar picketing or any form through which labor solidarity is expressed. A federal law could then be used to jail and fine strikers or ban picketing, as a result of the provocative work of corporation agents.

10. "Unlimited right to petition for bargaining elections should be granted to employers." This would give an employer a right to move for an election when he blitzes into existence his company-union. Such a union, quickly certified, could sign a long-term contract and practically close the shop to penetration from the real labor movement for a long time to come. The Wagner Act now bars such initiative by employers or such "sweetheart" deals. This is a ploy for a "closed open-shop."

## 6 Negroes Killed, 150 Homeless In Philadelphia Hotel Fire

By Walter Lowenfels

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—The housing crisis burst into flames last night and killed six men in a Negro flop house on South St. Forty to 50 survivors of last night's flash inferno are in hospital wards, burned and gassed, several serious. Over 150 more, 30 of whom were saved by heroic firemen, are alive and homeless. All are Negroes.

The tragedy struck at 12th and South Streets, heart of a notorious slum area where Negroes have to live. Early this morning we visited with scores of the survivors. They averaged around fifty years old. Many of them are on relief, others are on old age or disability pensions. Some had recently lost jobs, some were working as porters or dish washers.

They huddled together for warmth from the freezing weather in store fronts across the street from their gits "Chicken-Shack Hotel." It gets its name from the double tiers of bunks, 10 and 12 in a room, for which the lodgers paid 20 cents a night. Those who could afford it paid 35 cents a night. They had lived in one of the rows of cubicles, smaller than prison cells, with just enough room for a small bed and one chair.

Who were the dead men? Nobody knew. Police said five whose charred bodies were removed under tarpaulins last night will probably never be identified. One of the six dead who lived to reach the hospital gave his name as William Price, 43.

"How many will have to live tonight?" The Salvation Army officer asked in the herb store where some 40 had taken refuge. Scores of hands went up he counted out loud, "26." No other place to go tonight? "No sir," they chorused.

"How many lack essential clothing?" Voices cried out of lost belongings, prize possessions, remnants of fading years. "No, just

those who lack essentials right now." One man opened an overcoat, someone had loaned him, wore nothing under it.

The scores who had been housed at the police stations had vanished when we arrived. All but one. He was still naked, but the police expected to clothe him in a few more moments. Gorky's play, "A Night's Lodging" was about such a Chicken-Shack Hotel, and such homeless people, in Czarist Russia. But here it is America, 1946, and the city is shocked.

"There are scores of fire traps just like this one," a Negro police officer confided off the record. He named addresses. "Why are they allowed? Look over the registration lists of voters and you'll see."

We checked the registration list for the hotel. Eighty-six registered voters, 83 Republicans. A convenient address used by politicians for the registration of non-existent voters.

This very chicken-shack had been exposed last year as unfit for human habitation by the Philadelphia

People's Voice. A nurses organization had made four protests within recent months, but the city authorities had sanctioned it recently after three separate investigations.

Now there will be more investigations, "prompted by the shocks of last night's blaze," as the staid Evening Bulletin announces.

What about the thousands of others living in other "Chicken-Shack Hotels" in this and other cities?

"Such places are necessary for persons unable to pay more for a night's lodging," said Charles Gill, Acting Chief Engineer of fire bureau.

"I have opposed such cubicles for some seven years, but some persons seem unable to afford anything else," said Herbert J. Packers, Chief of the Bureau of Housing and Sanitation.

Clearly, the chairman of the City Planning Commission could not have planned it exactly this way. He is Edward Hopkinson, Jr., the partner who guides the city's destinies for the house of J. P. Morgan & Co.

## Offer Pact Extensions To Steel Fabricators

Philip Murray, president of the CIO United Steelworkers, said yesterday the union will ask the nation's 1,400 steel fabricators to extend their present contracts until a new contract is negotiated with the basic steel industry, United Press reported from Pittsburgh.

"The gesture made indicates the desire of the organization to make peaceful agreement with the industry," Murray said.

The union leader told a news conference that the wage and policy committee this morning decided to begin negotiations with 60 or more basic steel companies on Jan. 15.

Murray said strike notices would be filed with all producers whose contracts are about to expire. He added that some 45 percent of the steel fabricators contracts expire at the same time as do those of the basic producers.

The wage policy demanding "substantial" increases applies to all units of the steel industries—both basic producers and fabricators. Murray said the steel union now numbers 925,000 men, but 72,000 do not pay dues because they are either idle or in the armed forces.

A guaranteed annual wage, already successful in some industries, would give stabilized employment, provide more continuous work, and give the worker more security, Murray declared.



WINSTON

## Brooklyn Communists Meet Tomorrow on The Worker

Henry Winston, National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, members of the editorial board of the Daily Worker and Communist Party State Committee member, will attend a Kings County conference on the press tomorrow (Saturday). The conference is called by the Brooklyn Communist Party to discuss ways and means of making further improvements in the paper from all aspects, circulation, content, etc. It will be held at the Livingston Manor, 301 Schermerhorn St., at 1 p.m., and is expected to be lively and informative, in view of the enthusiasm being generated by the current Brooklyn drive for 10,000 subscriptions.

## Great Predictions

By Alan Max

President Truman says '47 will be a prosperous year if everyone stays on the job. Not to mention if there is a job for everyone to stay on.



# Sues to Enjoin Army Bias In Testing Negro Applicants

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 19.—Negroes must get marks twice as high as whites in Army enlistment tests, according to an exhibit filed here yesterday in an injunction suit by a Negro father whose son was refused enlistment. Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Lt. Col. Robert W. Springer, commanding officer of the Pittsburgh recruiting district, were named defendants. They were charged with refusing enlistment to Henry D. Stewart Jr., of Pittsburgh.

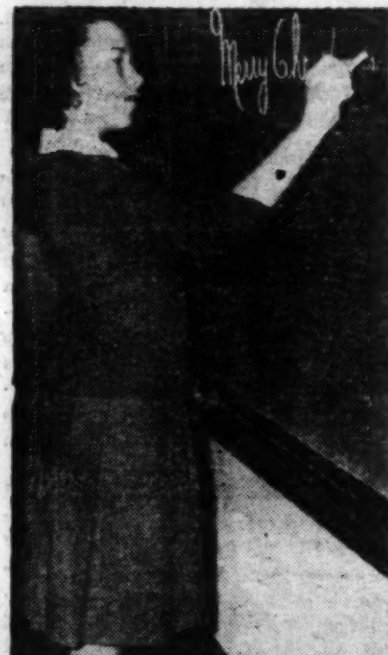
The suit asked that "all further Army enlistments" be enjoined until Negroes are accepted on equal terms with whites, and also asked a declaratory judgment against enforcement of rules that set up special enlistment requirements for Negroes and place them in special Army units by reason of color alone.

## TRIED TWICE

Stewart tried to enlist last June 30, the suit said, but was told Negroes were being taken only in highly specialized categories. He then tried to enlist Oct. 15, and answered correctly 50 of 54 questions, but again was refused because standards for Negroes are substantially higher than for whites, the suit alleged.

The suit charged that these double standards violate the Preamble and Fifth Amendment of the Constitution. The Committee Against Discrimination, which cooperated in filing the complaint, said it would be carried to the Supreme Court if necessary.

The bill said that inducements offered for enlistment, such as the GI Bill of Rights, constitute a valuable property right of which Stewart wanted to take advantage.



MARY DRURY, 13-year-old Bloomfield, N. J., school girl, lost both her legs four years ago under a speeding train. Mary vowed she would walk again. Today she does—on artificial legs.

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## Burned-Up Firehouse

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 19.—

The Volunteer Fire Company at nearby Elsemere was unable to handle a fire yesterday—the flames were too close.

A blaze broke out in the firehouse itself, wrecking the company's two pieces of apparatus, a hook-and-ladder truck and a new pumper. Heat from the flames touched off the fire siren and the steady shriek aroused the townsfolk.

## TRANSPORT UNION LEADER LAUDS MURRAY UNITY PLEA

"The statesmanship of Philip Murray is a beacon for all labor," Douglas L. MacMahon, secretary treasurer of the Transport Workers Union said yesterday in endorsing the CIO president's labor unity plea.

MacMahon stated: "The only way to defeat the organized efforts of big business to destroy the labor movement is by joint action of the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods."

"Industry has shown its utter contempt for the interests of the

American people by bringing about a period of inflation and high prices which are undermining our economic structure. Not satisfied with super-profits that are the highest in our history, employers are seeking to further deplete the real wages of workers by encouraging all sorts of repressive anti-labor measures. "American workers should respond to the statesmanship of Philip Murray as a beacon for all labor."

## Red-Baiters Defeated by 3-1 In UE Local 475 Elections

The administration slate headed by president Charles Fay swept into office by more than a three-to-one majority in the elections of CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers Local 475, it was disclosed last night. The trounced opposition in the largest UE local in the metropolitan area was supported by red-baiting groups which included the discredited UE Committee for Democratic Action, Lovestones, Trotskyists and the Association of Catholic Trade Unions.

Fay, who is also UE District Four vice-president, polled 5,507 votes to opposition candidate John Dillon's 1,838. Business manager Clifton Cameron received 5,229 votes against James Ward's 1,974. Assistant business manager Sidney Mason got 5,306 to 1,775 for Henry Addis.

Ruth Young, district secretary and member of the UE General Executive Board, received the highest count for trustee with 5,286 votes.

Alice Burckhardt, renegade from the ranks of the Communist Party, was beaten two to one in her bid for member of the local executive board.

Balloting took place Dec. 10 at 28 polling places throughout the city. The local has 20,000 members in Mergenthaler Linotype, Bliss Manufacturing, American Machine and Foundry, Schroeder Co., Intertype, Universal Camera and other concerns.

Other officers elected were financial secretary, Robert Litke, 5,049 to 1,975; and recording secretary, Janet B. Green, 4,976 to 1,765. The six vice-presidents elected were William Abernathy, Tony Cattonar, John Henderson, Irving Epstein, Bob Haynes and John Baird.

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## LABOR BRIEFS AIRLINE CLERKS DUE FOR RAISE

AN EMERGENCY BOARD has recommended a 22 cents an hour raise to Northeast Airlines clerks, members of the AFL Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. The raise is retroactive to Oct. 1.

CIO OFFICE WORKERS signed a contract with American Hair and Felt calling for \$10 to \$40 monthly raises and a 38% hour week.

ANTI-CLOSED SHOP LAW was

invoked by a Las Vegas, Nev., paper against striking editorial workers. Strikers, members of the AFL, won an \$80 weekly wage for reporters but relinquished closed shop demand.

COAL TOWNSHIP, Pa., teachers, on strike since Thanksgiving, are seeking a state order requiring the local Board of Education to turn over for salary raises the sum of \$30,000 in independent mine royalties received by the school district.

## DISCOVERS A PIN-RADIO

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 19.—A Johns Hopkins University scientist today discovered a new method of radio reception—on a tiny piece of treated metal smaller than a common pin with no tubes, electric currents, antenna, transformer or condenser.

The scientist—Dr. Donald Andrews, a chemistry professor—was working on routine laboratory ex-

periments when he suddenly heard a radio program from a station several miles away. There was no radio in the room and the mystified Andrews looked around for an explanation.

He discovered the sounds were coming from his "bolometer"—his tiny metal invention for "seeing in the dark." A common loudspeaker had been attached to the instrument through the course of his previous experiments.

Andrews immediately began experimenting on his vest-pocket radio and discovered that the bolometer's sensitivity to radio waves was in direct proportion to its temperature.

By heating and cooling the instrument, the chemist was able to contact two other local radio stations.

## First 3d Generation Midget Born in Texas

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 19.—Nancy Gayle Swensen, the tiny little girl born here last June 14, today was definitely declared to be a midget—first known midget to be born in the third generation.

Midget parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Swensen, and the maternal midget grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Clifton, were delighted at the announcement.

## Heater Blows Up, 3 Kids Die in Shack

STATESVILLE, N. C., Dec. 19.—Three children were burned to death and their mother and father critically injured early today when a kerosene-fed heater exploded and destroyed their three-room shack near 'Cool' Spring, five miles east of here.

## No Barber Shop Songs for Santa

YORK, Pa., Dec. 19.—Carol singers will spend Christmas day in jail if their songs are inappropriate to the Feast of the Nativity, Mayor John L. Snyder warned today.



"This 'Roll Out the Beer Barrel' stuff is out," Snyder said. "We'll warn any carol singing group making a nuisance, and if they don't stop, we'll lock them up."

## 5 CIO Unions At IT&T Join In Demands

NUTLEY, N. J., Dec. 19.—Wage increases, group insurance and other improvements in working conditions for 7,000 employees of the International Telephone & Telegraph Co. were demanded yesterday by representatives of five CIO local unions. The uniform contract demands covering engineering personnel, salary and production workers of the entire IT&T system were announced in a letter sent to Charles D. Hilles, Jr., vice-president and secretary of IT&T.

This represents the first year in which all unions in the IT&T system made simultaneous demands of the company. Local 447, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America, CIO, is collective bargaining agent for 3,000 production workers at the Federal Telephone & Radio Co., manufacturing subsidiary of IT&T. The other CIO locals include the United Office and Professional Workers of America, representing salaried workers and engineers at Federal, and the American Communications Association.

The unions listed demands of a 20c hourly increase for production workers; a \$12 weekly increase for salaried workers and a \$100 monthly increase for engineers.

The CIO committee also called upon IT&T to establish and assume the full cost of an insurance plan providing dismemberment, hospital and surgical benefits and to incorporate an existing sick leave and pension plan into the contracts.

## Urge Quick Return Of Bilbo Petitions

In response to an urgent telegram from Quentin Reynolds, foreign correspondent and author, stating that all "Oust-Bilbo" petitions must be in the hands of the Civil Rights Congress by Christmas, Max Becht, general secretary of the International Workers Order, yesterday urged the return of petitions being circulated by IWO members.

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## NEW YORK

## Subs Grow in Brooklyn

## MAKES QUOTA, DOUBLES IT, SAYS 'T'WAS NOTHING

Julie Troup figured he was taking on a big order when he pledged to get 25 worker subs by Jan. 31. Now, after two weeks, he already has the 25 and has upped his goal to 50. A member of the Communist Party for eight months, Troup didn't think there was any trick to it.

"I just talked to some of my friends and went canvassing in the neighborhood," the slender 18-year-old educational director of Whitey Meltzer Youth Club told us. The neighborhood is the Brighton Beach section in Brooklyn.

Troup's club accepted a quota of 100 subs by Jan. 31 but expects to get that amount by Jan. 1. The half-year mark already has been reached and individual pledges have totaled 200.

"You can print," Troup told us, "that we will challenge all other youth clubs to reach their goals by Jan. 1."

The Brighton Beach section has a quota of 700 and Troup proudly declared that it was leading all Brooklyn party organizations.

Troup didn't think he would come away with top honors for sub-getting in Brooklyn but he thought he "stood a chance" of winning a section prize for bringing in the subs in Brighton Beach.



JULIE TROUP  
Doubles Quota

## State ALP Calls Parley to Fight Marcantonio Smear

The American Labor Party yesterday announced the calling of a conference of labor and civic organizations to meet the attack upon Rep. Vito Marcantonio "designed to nullify the democratic choice of the voters of the 18th Congressional District." The conference will be held at the Yorkville Casino, 210 E. 86 St., next Friday, Dec. 27.

Among the organizations invited were the National Citizens Political Action Committee, New York Citizens PAC, CIO and AFL unions and community organizations in East Harlem.

The state headquarters of the ALP declared, in its call:

"The political enemies of Congressman Marcantonio have seized upon the lamentable death of Joseph Scottorriggio to launch a reckless smear campaign against this outstanding representative of the people.

"The crime which resulted in Scottorriggio's death must be, and

is being thoroughly investigated and the criminals brought to justice. This is the task of the District Attorney and the Grand Jury.

"Nevertheless, reactionary forces in our city and state have not hesitated to try the case in the press in a bold effort to nullify the right of democratic choice by the voters of the 18th Congressional District.

"Congressman Marcantonio is the immediate target of their campaign, but ultimately it is directed against the entire labor and progressive cause which he has so consistently and courageously championed.

"The labor and progressive forces

in New York must meet this political attack by prompt and united action."

## To Give Important Speech Tonight

REP. VITO MARCANTONIO will make his first public address since his reelection at a "Salute to Young America" rally at Manhattan Center at 7:30 tonight, under the auspices of the American Youth for Democracy. Other speakers will be Russell Nixon, Albert Kahn and Leon Wofsy.

## City Urged to Build Self-Supporting Homes

There is still hope for veterans' housing, Alfred K. Stern, chairman of the Emergency Committee on Rents and Housing, said yesterday, if the city government adopts a program for self-supporting housing.

## Brooklyn Vets Rap Building Decontrol

President Truman's order lifting building controls was assailed yesterday by the Kings County American Labor Party, Vets Group, as a sell-out of the Veterans' Emergency Program.

A statement issued by Leo J. Linder and Arthur Blyn, chairman and veterans' director of the ALP group pointed to the decontrol order and the resignation of Housing Administrator Wilson Wyatt as evidence of Truman's plan to scrap vets housing.

The New York City Housing Authority has offered a plan for the construction of homes renting at about \$12.50 per room. The city would issue bonds at low interest and build and operate the projects on its own.

Stern said he was recommending that the 70 veteran, labor and consumer groups working with his committee ask the city to approve the "unsubsidized" program. He also stressed the need for rehabilitation of all old buildings available and that "these buildings be for veterans and their families."

## Maintain Rent Control As Is, NY Communists Urge Legislators

Charging that lifting of rent ceilings would mean less food and clothing for the majority of American families and would hasten an economic recession, the New York Communist Party has called upon all New York legislators in Washington and Albany to work for the maintenance of rent control.

In a letter to the New York Congressional delegation and the Legislature, the Communists urged that Congress maintain any increases and that the Legislature strengthen the existing State rent control law.

The letter, signed by S. W. Gerson,

chairman of the party's legislative committee, urged that the State law be amended to freeze rents at levels of March 1, 1943 and be extended to new construction.

The New York law goes into effect only if Federal controls are dropped and at the level at which Federal control is dropped. Thus, if the OPA permits a rent rise of 10 percent and then goes out of existence the New York rent law is enforceable only at the higher level. It is to prevent such a contingency that the Communists are urging the amending of the State law.

## BOARD OKAYS CONTRACTS, HIKES DEPUTY MAYOR'S PAY

The Board of Estimate yesterday contracts totalling \$12,733,700 for transit improvements. It also increased the salary of the deputy mayor from \$15,000 to \$17,500.

Corporation Counsel John J. Bennett becomes deputy Jan. 1. The Board did not, however, take up the question of increases for teachers and other civil service employees.

The Board approved a \$6,500,000 contract with the American Car Co. for delivery of 100 subway cars and 10 extra fluorescent trucks. The cars will have fluorescent lighting.

The Board also made available to the Board of Transportation \$1,395,000 for repairs and rehabilitation of

the 58 Street powerhouse of the IRT and granted funds for escalators at 149 Street and Third Avenue.

Later, Mayor O'Dwyer announced that the Board had set up a seven-man committee to tackle the city's traffic problems.

## 'Song of South' to Be Picketed Today

The RKO Palace at 47th St. and Broadway, which is showing "Song of the South," slippy and slushy movie insult to American Negroes, will be picketed again today from 4 to 6 p.m.

The picket line is sponsored by the National Negro Congress.



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ALL STORES OPEN EVENINGS



SISTER KATHIE:

## A CHRISTMAS TALE

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

"DID YOU GET THE Sunday papers?" I remark casually. It was like dropping a lighted match into an old fashioned kerosene can. Sister Kathie exploded.

"Read your Worker if you want news. The others are just blown up ads. From now until Christmas," she replied, "fly paper to catch the last dollar of foolish people."

She ferreted around among her innumerable clippings and brought one forth. It was a Macy's ad, gloating that they had topped a million dollars in sales for three successive days.

"Isn't that a disgrace?" she asked, "when we're fighting high prices. Isn't it indecent when children are cold and hungry abroad?"

Sister Kathie has a particular yen against Macy's. She worked there for \$6 a week, over 30 years ago. She continued:

"A clerk in a department store was telling us how the big boss gave them a pep talk about the Xmas Savings distributed now. 'It's so much' he said, naming the figure, 'we want it and it's up to you to get it.' So the girls are worked to death."

I AGREE with Sister Kathie. But if I say so the discussion finishes and you don't get an article. I want her to continue in her own original way. "What about Christmas? Isn't there something special about that?" I asked.

She answered softly. "Yes, it is the birthday of Jesus at whose cradle the angels sang: 'On earth peace, good will towards men.' He was born in a stable, his mother was turned away from the inn. His family were poor, he walked the road barefoot. He had nowhere to lay his head. He told his disciples to carry no purse or scrip and to eat and drink whatever was offered them. What has this commercialized selling spree to do with Jesus? What would he think of well fed, well clothed grownups buying presents for each other in America, while children die of hunger in Greece, India, and in his native land of Palestine?"

I began to wish hundreds of

American women could ponder on these words.

"It's like a contagion," I said, "the tinsel and lights, the trees and decorations affect people. And what about Santa Claus, he's surely a problem?"

HER EYES began to twinkle.

"After twenty-five years in a class room with young children," she said, "I'll tell you a secret. Only the very tiny tots fall for that old guy. The rest of them chime in to please their parents, from whom all the blessings flow, as they well know. Santa's bounty rises and falls with Pop's job and pay. The multiplicity of Santas, one at every store door disillusiones even the most trusting child. Little inexpensive gifts please them just as well. So why let the profiteers exploit Santa and the Xmas spirit?"

"I'm afraid some of our readers will size us up as a couple of hard-hearted middle ageders, who do not believe in giving," I interpose.

Sister Kathie shot right back—"Well, if people want to give why not give only to those who are in need? I see the IWO is collecting to give the miners' children some little gifts. That's a good way to play Santa Claus! There's all sorts of relief funds for people in Europe. Give to them. Jesus said to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. That's the right way to celebrate his birthday, not to buy and give each other a lot of junk that the stores want to unload."

I could not resist a final word.

"So, my dear Sister Kathie, that means no presents in the Flynn household. Is that right? Or have you something up your sleeve on that?"

"Well," she said, "I've got a proposal. I could give you that book about Jose Rixal, the hero of the Philippines, which you looked at longingly for ten years. And you could give me that copper pin I like so much."

"Frances likes that pink and blue scarf of yours. She'll swap you for it, maybe one of her nice handkerchiefs. So things will change places and everybody will feel good!" It's an idea. We pass it on to you. I've agreed, on one condition, that Sister Kathie pins her coat with it and doesn't get pneumonia.

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"Trooper Birkleman is hereby awarded the order of Heil Columbia for bravery in soaping windows in the Negro district."

In the Negro Press

## AID AND COMFORT TO ENEMY

PITTSBURGH COURIER columnist George Schuyler took a position quite in line with the rest of his thinking. He vigorously defended the 28 fascist secessionists recently tried by the U.S. and praised as "a brilliant and fascinating book" A Trial on Trial by Maximilian J. St. George and Lawrence Dennis, two avowed fascists.

In a particularly nauseous fashion Schuyler red-baits, Jew baits, liberal baits, and Roosevelt baits. "Backed by the screaming of Walter Winchell, the Daily Worker, some Jewish and internationalist groups and the P.M.-N.Y. Post axis, Mr. Roosevelt put the department of Justice under Attorney General Francis Biddle to work against these people . . . they were tried because they held views unpopular with Jews, Communists and interventionists. . . ."

PEOPLE'S VOICE Washington, D. C., columnist Virginia Gardner wrote of a young Negro expectant mother who with her sister started to the Gallinger Municipal Hospital's maternity ward but could not find a taxi or a street car, so began walking.

"When they came to the neighborhood of Sibley Hospital, a few blocks from their home, they realized that the birth of the baby was imminent and would occur before they could reach Gallinger. The sister therefore ran into the hospital and begged a nurse on duty to admit the expectant mother as an emergency case. The request was refused. As a result the baby was born on the sidewalk in front of the hospital with nothing between it and the cold pavement."

THE AFRO-AMERICAN took George Meader, a Michigan

## Phony Draft Cards Printed in Jail Shop

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—How three prisoners allegedly wiled away their time printing counterfeit draft cards on a press at the Deer Island jail was revealed tonight by the FBI.

E. A. Soucy, Boston, FBI head, identified the three as Chester L. Gasunas, 21, William S. Fitzgerald, 30, and Raymond H. Wheaton, 24.

The Government charges that Wheaton and Fitzgerald, who were assigned to the jail's print shop, set up the type and then turned the bogus Selective Service cards over to Gasunas. He in turn was said to have offered them for sale to draft-eligible civilians.

Press Roundup

## Irrefutable CIO Statistics Bother 'Experts'

THE HERALD TRIBUNE'S Sumner H. Slichter does an analysis of the Nathan report, where he admits that "Mr. Nathan's conclusion that prices are too high for stability impresses me as correct." He is unable to refute Nathan's statistics, showing business profits far above the peak levels of the war. Zooming profits and declining income for wage earners not forebadow collapse, says Slichter. That's nonsense, he says. But that's what he said in 1929, too.

THE DAILY MIRROR is also worried because it can't refute the statistics in the Nathan report. So it contents itself with warning its readers that the CIO statistics were prepared "by an ex-New Deal braintruster."

PM'S I. F. Stone criticizes the President's Council of Economic Advisors for refusing government action for employment. But he takes issue with Marxists that capitalism cannot provide permanent and steady employment.

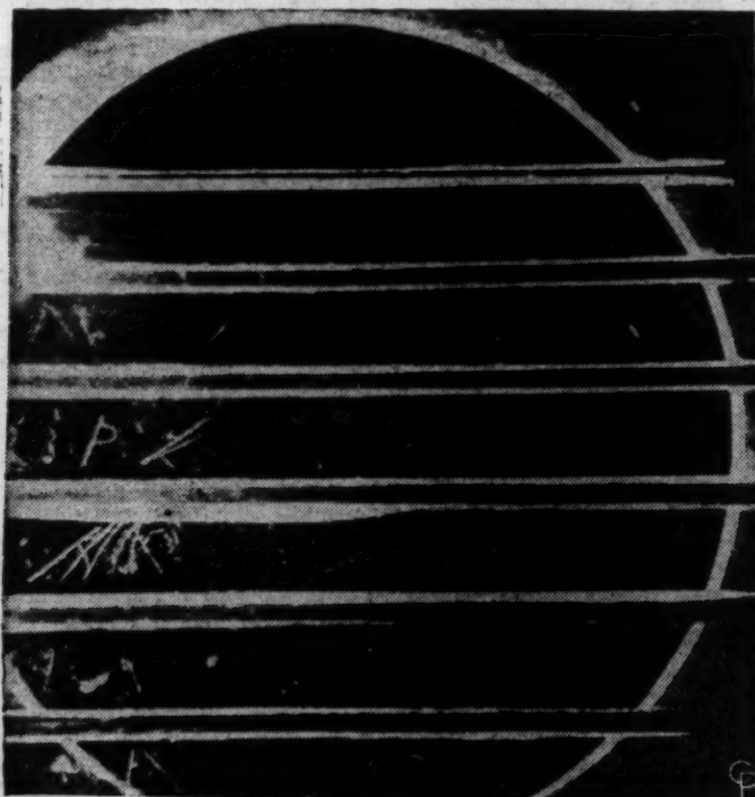
THE TIMES concedes that U. S. transportation of Kuomintang troops may have "seemed" to be aiding the war against the Communists—but that wasn't the intention, says the Times. We armed Chiang for civil war and moved his troops into position to fight. But that was "to restore order in areas from which the Japanese had been evacuated." Order meant civil war. Wherever the Kuomintang took over it also meant ending land reforms which gave the land of the feudal landlords to the peasants.

THE DAILY NEWS, which opposed the Baruch plan when it thought it meant giving up our monopoly on the atom bomb, now supports it most enthusiastically because it hopes it will maintain that monopoly.

THE SUN'S George E. Sokolsky is hopeful about the recent UN session because "the effort . . . to confuse the atomic bomb problem with disarmament came to naught." Any connection between the atom bomb and armament is strictly a red plot to define the meaning of words. If Sokolsky says the atom bomb is not weapon, that's that. In effect, that's what the U. S. delegation said when it blocked a world troop and arms survey.

THE POST'S Marquis W. Childs quotes the words of Arthur C. Millsbaugh, former administrator of Iran's finances: "In the power politics of Iran we have encouraged . . . the jockeying of the government into opposition to the Soviets." And if the Russians ever did that in Mexico how would we feel

THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN attacks the UN for opposing Franco. That's part of a red plot, says the Hearst paper, and quotes the New Leader to prove it.



**Cosmic Rays Photographed:** Actual photo of cosmic rays was taken by a Navy B-29 "flying laboratory" through the opening of a magnetic "cloud chamber." Bars in the picture are lead bars in the chamber's apparatus. White marks that look like scratches show the path of the cosmic rays.

## WORTH REPEATING

"The profound hypocrisy and inherent barbarism of bourgeois civilization lies unveiled before our eyes, turning from its home, where it assumes respectable forms, to the colonies, where it goes naked. They are the defenders of property, but did any revolutionary party ever originate agrarian revolutions like those in Bengal, in Madras, and in Bombay. . . . While they prated in Europe about the inviolable sanctity of the national debt, did they not confiscate in India the dividends of the Rajahs, who had invested their private savings in the (East India) Company's own funds? . . . These are the men of 'Property Order, Family and Religion.'"—Karl Marx on India, *The Handbook of Marxism*, P. 193, International Publishers.



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## Pills That Increase the Ills

SINCE it is made up of capitalist economists, the President's Council of Economic Advisers confines itself in its first annual report to little more than a pious expression of faith in the workings of our capitalist system.

It is forced to recognize that the anarchy of the system is fatal to any extended prosperity. Its remedy is to leave it to the "practical wisdom of management and labor, farmers and financiers." The cure for capitalist anarchy, apparently, is more of the same.

The Council, set up under the emasculated "Full Employment" law, seems to have no idea of the real facts of our economy and does not even know where to look for them. Its report has about it an air of bewilderment which reminds us of a recent magazine article by Paul Hoffman, the "enlightened" industrialist who heads the Committee for Economic Development.

Hoffman bluntly confessed that even at this late date capitalists know nothing about what makes the market behave as it does. They've been told the facts of life in great detail by one Karl Marx, but do not dare listen.

If the Council had really looked into the facts, it would have discovered that the exploitation of the worker has increased enormously since the outbreak of the war; that the worker gets in real wages today a lot smaller share of the value he produces than in 1939, or in 1945.

By demanding higher wages, trade unions are trying to reduce labor's exploitation, allowing labor to buy back a larger share of what it produces. While this cannot prevent a crisis, it can delay it and cushion the effects upon the people. Similarly with various measures of social security that expand labor's share of the wealth produced.

By urging greater production without backing the fight for higher wages, the President and his Council were actually demanding greater exploitation of the worker and hence more rapid development of economic crisis.

## A Memo to Wm. Green

CONCLUDING its sessions here, the executive board of the CIO's United Automobile Workers issued a statement reminding the leaders of the AFL that CIO President Philip Murray is still awaiting a reply on his proposal for AFL-CIO-Railroad Brotherhoods unity.

The UAW warns that Big Business is moving fast on its program to destroy labor unions. Today's story on the Boston speech of General Motors chairman Alfred P. Sloan should emphasize what's in store for labor.

But three weeks have passed and William Green is still taking his time. And perhaps more serious yet, is the straw in the wind let loose by Charles J. McGowan, president of the powerful Boilermakers Union, one of the main props of the AFL's top leadership. He rebukes labor leaders for not being in a cooperative mood when the Sloans and Senator Balls crack the whip.

The bulk of America's labor movement does not and will not kneel before reaction. The answer is Murray's proposal for a united front. It is "unity—or else."

## Liberalism—Stassen Style

HAIL to the "new liberalism."

It's the newest fashion for the country's labor-baiters to call themselves "liberal."

The NAM industrialists have hired high-powered slick boys to sell their labor-busting as the acme of noble and generous liberalism.

Now along comes ex-Governor Harold E. Stassen of the GOP to sell himself as the "liberal candidate" for the Presidency in 1948.

Brother Stassen's doctored up liberalism states:

Present laws protect labor unions unfairly, and put the billion-dollar corporations at a disadvantage.

And, the demand of the unions for wage increases is crazy and "uneconomic."

It intended to hoax the voters who fear out and out Hooverism but who might be infected by the torrent of anti-labor abuse.

Liberalism that is anti-labor is a fraud. It is liberal only in the amount of its vote-catching baloney.

## UNITE AGAINST THE MENACE



## Letters From Our Readers

### No Carnegie Tech Diplomas for Women

Pittsburgh.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I would like to call to the attention of our readers a flagrant instance of discrimination against women in education.

The Carnegie Institute of Technology of this city does not grant degrees to women students of engineering. In view of the fact that the Institute condescends to admit women to its engineering curricula, the discrimination is all the more heinous.

Furthermore, its application blank demands of all students the following information: (1) Race of student; (2) National descent of student.

Here is an open challenge to those committed to democracy in education.

NEIL MARTIN.

### Morris Debate Showed Communists Work for Unity

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Congratulations to George Morris on the fine job he did in his radio debate with Milton Murray. Within the confines of a strict time schedule, he managed to put across constructive examples on how Communists aid the labor movement. Citing the CIO convention as an example, Morris clearly showed that Communists work for unity in order to advance the interests of all labor, and do not engage in partisan politics, as charged.

I was especially proud that he did not fall into the trap of answering every red-baiting argument of his opponent, but used his time to make some real positive statements. Since, as he pointed out, reaction's main attack against the labor movement is taking the form of red-baiting, I'd like to suggest the Daily Worker occasionally print a column containing facts and examples on how Communists do contribute toward the building of a strong labor movement.

EVELYN P.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

## Let's Face It

## DUEL IN THE GOP

by Max Gordon

DUELLING AMONG VARIOUS Republican candidates for the Presidential nomination is spirited. They are wasting no time in getting started, whether they operate in the open, like Stassen, or rather farcically adopt the old "I am not a candidate" tactic like Dewey, Taft and Vandenberg.

It would be childish and naive to consider that this is merely a battle among various personalities with ambitions to be President. It is that, but behind each candidate stand powerful groups of capital fighting for position and domination, not only nationally but internationally.

I don't want to go into this intra-party battle here. My point is that as far as these GOP candidates and their backers are concerned, the 1948 election campaign is already here. They are on their way.

THAT WE ARE ALREADY in the 1948 Presidential campaign will also have to be grasped by the nation's progressive forces if they are to stop Republican reaction in the national election.

In fact, considering all that needs to be done to pull together the great mass of progressives of all classes, groups and parties, to determine the goals and to organize for the fight to attain those goals, time is already short.

What is the essential progressive goal for 1948? In the words of secretary Eugene Dennis in his report to the recent National Committee of the Communist Party, which examined the 1948 election problems in detail, the "main objective of the labor-democratic camp in the 1948 elections must be to defeat the candidates and the program of the reactionaries and pro-fascists. It must be to establish a progressive coalition and new political alignment capable of electing a progressive, pro-Roosevelt Presidential ticket and Congress which will vigorously champion an anti-monopoly and anti-war program, which will take bold steps to grapple with the problems of jobs, security, democratic rights and peace."

Some say this can be done only if the progressives succeed in "capturing" the Democratic Party at the 1948 national convention. Others insist it will be necessary to achieve a political realignment by putting a third ticket in the field.

It would be both fatal and utterly wrong for progressives to permit any division or squabbling

This is the third of a series on the recent Communist Party National Committee meeting. Tomorrow George Morris will deal with the wage policy as discussed at the meeting.

in their ranks over any difference of opinion on this.

It would be fatal because the unification of all progressive and labor forces who agree generally on an anti-monopoly program of peace, social progress and democracy is absolutely essential to success.

It would be utterly wrong because the real question is the election of a President and a Congress who will carry out this program and not whether he is elected through the Democratic Party or through a third party.

BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT is the fact that the aim of electing such a President depends upon the coordinated, or two-pronged, operation of both the progressive forces within the Democratic Party and the independent organization of the progressive forces outside of the Democratic Party.

"... the labor-progressive majority cannot attain their main objectives in 1948 unless the struggle of the pro-Roosevelt Democrats to secure hegemony in their party is not only resolutely developed and greatly expanded, but, above all, unless it is coordinated with the popular mass movement for affecting a new, broad party alignment in state after state as quickly as conditions permit," Dennis said in his report.

It is hardly possible for the progressives within the Democratic Party to "capture" their party. Even with FDR in the saddle, they never succeeded in doing that.

But there is some possibility that they can strongly influence the choice of a Democratic Presidential candidate provided the independent forces succeed in organizing a powerful third party movement and actually set up a third party apparatus in a large number of states long before the Democratic convention.

Without such a third party movement and apparatus, the

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# LaGuardia Hits Lifting of Controls

Former Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia yesterday denounced the elimination of controls on housing materials and prices. The people will have less housing, he said, but there will be "more taverns, racetracks and movie houses." LaGuardia urged the public to



"Gentlemen: there's a motion on the floor to adjourn so that the delegates may attend the 10th Anniversary Christmas Eve Ball of the Lincoln Brigade, at Manhattan Center, Tuesday night, December 24th—Tickets are \$1.25 in advance and \$1.50 at the door."

"commence corresponding with Congressmen and U. S. Senators" for a real housing program. His blast was made in his Thursday column published in a number of newspaper advertisements. It followed a similar denunciation over the radio Wednesday night.

"This attitude on the part of industry and business is as stupid as the government's new policy to decontrol is harmful," he wrote. "It will end in no good. Prices will soar and all will end with no control and no market."

He placed chief responsibility for the knifing of the Wyatt Housing Program on the powerful building speculators and "money lenders."

LaGuardia stated bluntly that the Truman "program" would not provide housing for those who need it most, and warned of inferior material and hasty construction.

LaGuardia cited figures which showed that a "\$4,000 a year family" cannot afford to pay more than \$67 a month, while the overwhelming majority of families are in the income group below \$4,000 a year. Contrasting this with the \$80 a month rental permitted, he charged that the whole housing program is a "disappointment and disillusionment to the rent payer and house buyer."

The former Mayor then outlined a housing program based on the Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bill, while recommending lowering of interest rates to two percent.

LaGuardia warned in strongest terms that a "terrific real estate lobby" is moving in on Washington to destroy rent controls as quickly as possible.

## 200,000 End Naples Strike

A general strike of 200,000 organized workers and unemployed persons which had tied up the port of Naples, Italy and the surrounding province for two days ended yesterday according to United Press.

The strike was in protest against the rising cost of living, the unequal allotment of food rations and the lack of jobs.

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# State CP Asks Registration Speedup

Warning of the "storms gathering against the labor movement" the New York State Secretariat of the Communist Party yesterday urged the completion of Party registration before Jan. 15.

"According to the State Committee plan of Oct. 10, 75 percent of our membership was to be registered by Dec. 15," the secretariat declared. "This has not been fully accomplished. That it can be done, however, is clear from the achievement of Queens, which did register 71 percent; Kings with 70 percent and Garment with 72 percent.

"Eighteen sections of the Party have equalled or gone far above the

quota to be reached by Dec. 15. These include such sections as Flatbush, 94 percent; Brighton, 84 percent; Boro Hall 83 percent, Washington Heights, 83 percent; Forbes, 75 percent; Moshulu, 78 percent; Rockaway, 85 percent; and 75 industrial sections, (85-83-81-75 percent).

"But other counties trail these top divisions and sections of the Party. These accomplishments, however, demonstrate clearly that 75 percent could have been accomplished if a little more attention had been paid.

"Hence, the State Secretariat calls upon the county, section and club committees to make the greatest effort possible so that by Christmas Day, 75 percent will be accomplished and then proceed on further with all energy to reach our goal of January 15.

"Help must be given to those that still lag behind, with particular attention paid to the sections of the Party in the Negro communities. This means the mobilization of the essential forces, using even the coming holidays in order to reach the comrades in their homes to achieve our aim.

"The New York State organization has always shown that where there is determination to accomplish something it can be done. The registration of our full Party membership is a first rate political task for the whole Party. Let there be no relaxation but on the contrary, mobilization with full energy to push on to our goal by Jan. 15."

The statement was signed by:  
Robert Thompson,  
Israel Amter and  
William Norman.

# TENANTS TAKE LEGAL STEPS AGAINST 'TOUGH' LANDLORD

The United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization was preparing yesterday to bring the law to bear on landlord S. R. Altman, who regularly insults his tenants and has refused to abide by a Department of Housing and Building directive for repairs of 118 W. 134 St.

Wednesday, Aaron Litman, the building agent, came to the apartment of Mrs. Bessie Pack to meet with tenants and UHTCO representatives. When violations were mentioned, he became abusive and walked out.

A delegation, led by Milton Walker of UHTCO then went to the real

estate office at 548 Lenox Ave. Altman refused to talk and ordered them out. He denied any violation.

However, a violation report, issued in May by the Department of Building and Housing, directs the landlord to "provide the present cement floor and base with proper approved waterproof floor and base." . . . "Nuisance exists in all apartments in building which are infested with rats and roaches," the report signed by Arthur J. Benline, Borough Superintendent, declares.

Walker advised the solidly organized tenants to file complaints and have inspectors revisit the house."

## Duel in the GOP

(Continued from Page 7)

Democratic machine politicians can say to labor and the other progressives: "You will have to take what we give you and like it because you have no place else to go."

With such a third party movement and apparatus, the progressives within the Democratic Party will have a powerful weapon in their fight for a progressive ticket.

SIMILARLY, if conditions are ripe and necessary for launching a third ticket, its success will depend in large part on the extent to which the progressives in both major parties have developed their struggle against reaction within these parties.

This two-pronged approach requires that labor and its progressive allies in the Democratic Party pay the closest attention to party primaries everywhere, assist in the organization of progressive blocs in Congress and State Legislature, and get set for the election of progressive delegates to the Democratic national convention.

It requires, too, that progressive independents unify themselves behind a new progressive party alignment, setting up the machinery needed to get on the ballot and to conduct the campaign.

This cannot be done on any narrow basis. It has got to include at least a good part of that very wide section of the electorate, attached to neither party, which generally backed FDR.

The basis for cooperation and unity of all progressives regardless of whether they are operating within the Democratic Party or independently, is the battle on the issues confronting the country, the struggles to take place in Congress and in the various state legislatures.

To the extent the people are organized and gotten into action on these issues, political organization and coordination can be effected.

To advance a new, democratic coalition, Dennis stated in his report, it is essential that labor and other progressives continue to organize independently along the lines of the political action committees; that both the treachery and demagoguery of the GOP and the betrayals and vacillations of the Truman Administration be constantly exposed; and that the progressives "move heaven and earth" to build a united front of labor, the Negro people, the working farmers, small businessmen as the basis for a new party alignment.

## City CIO Urges Vets Reinstate Insurance

Veterans were urged yesterday by the City CIO's Veteran Bureau to use their newly-acquired terminal leave bonds for the reinstatement of GI insurance, and for the advance payment of insurance premiums.

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# RAY FAVORED, BELL PREDICTS KO WIN

The great Ray Robinson, nemesis of every welterweight or middleweight active today, finally gets his shot at a world title tonight when he tangles with Tommy Bell in a 15-round fight for welterweight honors at Madison Square Garden.

Robinson is a heavy favorite to beat his tall and talented opponent from Youngstown, Ohio because of his remarkable record, all-round class and a previous vic-

tory over Bell at Cleveland two years ago.

In 75 professional bouts, Robinson lost but one decision and was held to one draw. Robinson's lone defeat was accomplished by rugged Jake Lamotta of the Bronx, who is generally rated the No. 1 middleweight contender, Lamotta outpointed Ray at Detroit, Feb. 5, 1945; but Ray beat Lamotta in each of their other four tilts. Jose Basora, Puerto Rican middleweight, held Robinson to a 10-round draw at Philadelphia, May 14, 1945.



RAY ROBINSON gets his long sought title crack tonight.

Both contenders are explosive punchers. Robinson has belted out 49 of his 75 opponents; Bell has put away 26 of his 51 adversaries. When Bell arrived in New York yesterday from his training camp at Summit, N. J., he boldly predicted that he would knock out Robinson, "along about the 12th round."

Bell, at 23, is unusually tall for a welterweight, approaching Robinson's six feet; and he, too, is endowed with an unusually long reach. He is an excellent combination boxer-puncher, who beat Fritzle Zivic when the ex-welter

champ was still "good." He knocked out Chuck Hunter twice and outpointed him once. He beat Cecil Hudson and California Jackie Wilson. He is handicapped by flat feet, which force him to use a shuffling style and which endanger his balances at times.

Each expected to weigh just under the 147-pound limit.

Matchmaker Nat Rogers anticipates a crowd of 17,000 and a gate of \$90,000.

Tonight's winner will be recognized as world champion by both the New York Commission and the National Boxing Association.

## SPORTS

### In this corner

Ray Will Turn In  
A Gem Tonite

By Bill Mardo

DON'T BE surprised if Ray Robinson comes through with the fight of his life tonight. Surely the incentive is there for such a showing. When a man has done nothing but eat, dream and talk the welterweight title for five years of a messy runaround; when his long overdue chance arrives, and when the fighter is someone as supremely talented as Robinson, then, brethren, you can look for him to do something super by way of finally erasing that "uncrowned" blot from before his name.

Another reason to anticipate a Robinson special is the quality of his opposition. Ray knows both how to rise to the occasion and also the demands of a highly qualified foe. Tommy Bell, party of the second part for Marty Serro's vacant title, is all of a qualified ringman. He's the stringbean better-boxer who was good enough to make middleweight Jake LaMotta know he was in a fight on two occasions. The only other welter to ever do that against the Bronx Blockbuster was none other than Robinson—who unlike Bell, didn't merely look good losing, but instead, took Jake into camp four out of five times.

And I suppose the measure of their respective performances against the best middleweight in the land, is just about the best way of measuring the difference between Ray Robinson and Tommy Bell. The man they call "Sugar" is absolutely the sweetest fighter in the world. Tommy Bell is several rungs below Ray in overall fighting brilliance—but being a few notches less of a fighter than Robinson still leaves the Ohioan very much of an all right fisticuffer. As a matter of fact, were Robinson to vacate the 147-pound crown shortly after achieving his lifelong ambition, and then campaign among the middleweights (in which division he's also the uncrowned champion so far as I'm concerned), then Tommy Bell would certainly become the next welterweight king. That's how good a man he is.

### RAY RESPECTS TOMMY

Ray Robinson feels the same way about it. I remember when Ray met Tommy Bell in Cleveland two years ago. That was one of Robbie's earliest bouts after being mustered out of the army. Ray was still in the process of fighting his way back into prewar condition. So he took on Tommy and had a hell of a time handling him, too. It was fairly close and Robbie needed a fast ninth and tenth round finish to clinch the verdict. When he came back to New York, Ray told all who would listen that Mister Tommy Bell was probably the best welterweight in action, aside from himself.

This writer agreed with Robinson when he saw the Bell-LaMotta bout in the Garden last January. Tommy looked slightly terrific. He took LaMotta's best pot-shots without blinking, including a fearful body barrage to his slim midsection, and still managed to awe the crowd with his neat boxing ability, coolness and sharp right-handed socks which tilted brother Jake's well-set head back on his neck more than once.

All in all, he's quite a something, this Tommy Bell. When he's "up" for a fight, that is. Certainly a crack at the welter crown will find Tommy at his emotional and physical best tonight. And that's always a danger, as Ray Robinson is well aware of. When an underdog gets a once-in-a-lifetime chance it often happens that he outdoes himself, fights "over his head," as they say.

So chalk up another reason to see Ray Robinson at his most brilliant best tonight. He's got to be, not to risk losing his oft-postponed bid for the big bauble. How will Robinson map his strategy? My hunch is he'll try to score a quick knockout for two reasons. One, Tommy Bell's never been kayoed before; two, Ray respects Bell's punch and would certainly prefer getting through with his chores quickly rather than go the distance and risk getting seriously tagged once or twice. But belting out Tommy Bell is no simple matter, and if Ray can't do it early, he'll probably turn on the gas, whirl around that ring like a jet-propelled meteor and sink those blinding jabs and stunning counters while on the move. Enough of such tactics might soften up Tommy in the middle and late rounds, take the sting out of him and then Robinson could move back in there and try to slug him out of the picture.

No matter how you look at it and how good Bell is, I can't see Ray losing. He's the greatest fighter in the world, and here's the most important fight of his life. No, I kinda feel Robinson will turn in a gem tonight by scoring two notable achievements. Winning the title . . . and simultaneously becoming the first man to ever put Tommy Bell sleepy-by.

### UAW Parley Hits Jimcrow Bowling Body

The Executive Board of the UAW-CIO has served notice to the American Bowling Congress that the auto workers will not participate or encourage participation in ABC tournaments unless the Jimcrow body lifts its restrictions on Negro bowlers. This action was taken in a resolution passed at the UAW quarterly meeting here at the Hotel Picadilly.

NOTE TO NAT HOLMAN: Oklahoma knocked off Wisconsin 56-40 the other night. Now Wisconsin is the same team that just beat Notre Dame. . . . How good does that make Oklahoma? The Beavers will find out when Oklahoma comes into the Garden to do battle with them. And here the CCNY cagers thought all they had to worry about was NYU!

### Sonja Henie Crew Fights Low Wages

By William Allan

DETROIT, Dec. 19. — Sixteen skaters of the Sonja Henie's Ice Revue here went on strike Wednesday night charging that the \$30 a week and expenses they were getting was insufficient and that they were actually losing money.

The show is playing at the Olympia Stadium and has been packing them in, the last two weeks, 12,000 is the capacity of the stadium. The first action taken against the strikers was to lock them out of their hotel rooms in an effort to break the strike.

Backstage officials said Wednesday night that "a few of the musicians are late, that's why the show is a little behind."

Downtown the 16 people did not think the situation was funny. They had a conference with the American Guild of Variety Ar-

tists of which the skaters are members. They showed pay stubs for \$30 a week, plus \$35 for expenses. The total coming to \$65.00. Out of the expense money they have to pay hotel rooms, buy skates and purchase makeup. All of them stated that at the end of each week they are losing money and this business had to be settled now.

The strikers listed their demands and then agreed that they would go back to work pending immediate arbitration of the demands to be handled by the AGVA.

### AYD to Salute Labor Sports

"For the most meritorious job in the field of sports this past year," the Labor Sports Federation will receive a scroll from the American Youth for Democracy at the "Salute to Young America" program tonight. Former three-title champ Henry Armstrong will make the presentation to Assemblyman Sammy Kaplan, former pro hoop immortal, who will accept the scroll for the Labor Sports Federation.



ARMSTRONG



KAPLAN

- 6:00-WNBC-News; Serenade to America
- WOR-Frank Kingdom's Comment
- WJZ-News; Kierman's Corner
- WCBS-News; Harry Marble
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-News; Music to Remember
- 6:15-WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews
- WJZ-Ethel and Albert
- WCBS-To Be Announced
- 6:30-WOR-News; Fred Vandeventer
- WJZ-Allen Prescott
- WCBS-Sports-Red Barber
- WMCA-Racing Results
- WQXR-Dinner Concert
- 6:40-WNBC-Sports-Bill Stern
- 6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas
- WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
- WJZ-Lawrence and Marley
- WCBS-Robert Trout, News
- WMCA-Sports Resume
- 7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Variety
- WOR-Fulton Lewis Jr., Comment
- WJZ-Headline Edition
- WCBS-Mystery of the Week
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-News; Concert Stage
- 7:15-WNBC-News of the World
- WOR-The Answer Man
- WJZ-Raymond Swing, News
- WCBS-Jack Smith Show
- WMCA-Five Star Final
- 7:30-WNBC-Barry Wood Show
- WOR-Henry J. Taylor
- WJZ-The Lone Ranger
- WCBS-Meredith Wilson Orchestra
- WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh
- WQXR-String Orchestra
- 7:45-WNBC-H. V. Kaltenborn
- WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt
- WMCA-Recorded Music
- WIN-J. Steel
- 8:00-WNBC-Highway in Melody
- WOR-Burl Ives, Songs
- WJZ-Court of Missing Heirs
- WCBS-Baby Snooks Show
- WMCA-News; U. N. Records
- WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
- 8:15-WOR-Memorable Moments
- 30-WNBC-Alan Young Show
- WOR-Love Story Theatre
- WJZ-This is Your FBI
- WCBS-Adventures of the Thin Man
- WMCA-Music That Lives
- 8:55-WCBS-Bill Henry, News
- 9:00-WNBC-People Are Funny
- WOR-Gabriel Heatter
- WJZ-Break the Bank-Quiz
- WCBS-Ginny Simms Show
- WMCA-News; Adventures Into the Mind

### RADIO

#### EVENING

- WQXR-News; Concert Hall
- 9:15-WOR-Real Stories
- 9:30-WNBC-Bob Hannon, Songs; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto, Chorus
- WOR-Bulldog Drummond-Play
- WJZ-The Sheriff-Play
- WCBS-Durante, Moore Show
- WMCA-Composer's Notebook
- WQXR-Designs in Harmony
- 9:45-WQXR-Great Names
- 9:55-WJZ-Harry Wismer-Sports
- 10:00-WNBC-Mystery Theatre
- WOR-Spotlight on America

- WJZ-Boxing Bouts
- WCBS-It Pays to Be Ignorant
- WMCA-News; Footlight Revue
- WQXR-News; Beatrice Mery, Songs
- 10:30-WNBC-Sports-Bill Stern
- WOR-The Symphonette Orchestra
- WJZ-Sports Page-Joe Hasel
- WCBS-Maisie-Sketch
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-Just Music
- 10:45-WNBC-To Be Announced
- 11:00-WNBC-News; Music
- WOR-News; Dance Music
- WJZ, WCBS-News; Music
- WMCA-News; Unity Viewpoint
- WQXR-News; Symphony Hour
- 11:30-WNBC-World's Great Novels
- 12:00-WNBC, WCBS-News; Music
- WJZ, WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-News Reports

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## BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS



The battle of Stalingrad forms the background of Frederick Ermler's splendid film 'The Turning Point' which begins its downtown run at the Irving Place Theatre today.

## People's Radio Group Puts on a Good Show

By Murray Chase

People's Radio Foundation presented *Adventure Radio*, a program of three vital scripts at the Barbizon-Plaza last Friday evening. To meet the requirements of stage presentation, simple but effective lighting and staging, and a suitable continuity were added.

The first script *Heil Columbia* by David Timmons is a Living Newspaper account of the fascist attack on the Negro community of Columbia, Tenn. Timmons' script is straightforward reporting, suggesting a selection of testimony in the now famous trial. He has made this selection of incidents and conversations wisely. The oppressive and deliberately provocative attitude of the Southern fascists is starkly presented in what might be their own words. The humiliation of the Negroes, their desperate stand in self-protection, their betrayal by the "forces of law and order" and their singing of "My Country 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty" as they are being removed, chained in a truck, to the Nashville jail—all this is portrayed in skillful dialogue with a thrilling impact. The effect of this kind of program on the radio public would be electric.

The Ballad of Herman Bottcher



Billie Holiday, noted "Blues" singer, will appear at AYD's "Salute to Young America" Rally to-night 7:30 p.m. at Manhattan Center.

is a lyric tribute by Milton Robertson, who is director of People's Radio Foundation, to the veteran of the Spanish campaign of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who later died on Leyte, a victim of the war he fought to stop. In this poetic and unaffected script, Herman Bottcher sings a ballad, the verses of which are separated by the comments of those who knew him, a fellow Lincoln Brigader, his GI buddies, his girl friend and others. The final piece of the evening was a thriller on the atomic theme which makes Orson Welles' Martian invasion sound like child's play.

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## Ballet Review

By E. Benson

After three visits to the City Center where the famous Joos Ballet is dancing after a six year absence we would like to be able to say that the company is a welcome addition to the dance world, but unfortunately we can't. We saw as many of the ballets as possible including the wellknown *Green Table* so that we could judge the company as an artistic unit and not simply for this one ballet. All of it was extremely disappointing.

There is a lively company of dancers, some excellent themes, fine costumes, some good music and yet the sum total has nothing to do with life. It is neither an expression of our times such as *Fancy Free* or *Underow* nor is it an unique bit of the past such as *Les Sylphides*. Rather it seems to be an expression of the world in terms of the dance which is completely anachronistic. Good art like everything else must grow and develop. The Joos Ballet has remained in the thirties but the dance has moved on and left it far behind.

### STAGE FOR ACTION

In sharp contrast to Joos was the dance recital that was given last Sunday afternoon by Stage for Action. A group of young dancers all of them working artists in the field and presenting the most diverse styles and points of view, we thought the afternoon was both interesting and rewarding.

Top honors would go to Eva Desca for an hilarious bit of satire entitled *This Pen for Hire* which took a well deserved lambast at writers and writing.

Atty Vandenberg's *Chorale*, to Bach's music served to display Miss Vandenberg's dramatic qualities to excellent advantage.

While Valentina Litvinoff's *Lament for Six Million Jews* was a sincere and moving tribute to these victims of fascism.

Beatrice Seckler and Lee Sherman did an exciting blues number full of clan.

We take this opportunity to wish Stage for Action good luck in its venture into the dance and to hope that they will continue with these kind of programs in the near future.

### 'Beggar's Holiday' Adds to Cast

Additional names to the cast of *Beggar's Holiday*, in which Alfred Drake and Libby Holman play the leads are: Bill Dillard, Perry Brunkin, Stanley Carlson, Jack Bittner, Douglas Henderson, and Hy Anzel. Also Nina Korda and Leonne Hall.

This new musical by Duke Ellington and John Latouche, which opens at the Broadway, Dec. 26, is being staged by John Houseman. Nicholas Ray is directing the book. Perry Watkins and John R. Sheppard, Jr. are the producers.

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## Book on Frederick Douglass Wins \$6,500 Award

The Julian Messner Award of \$6,500 (\$5,000 outright and \$1,500 against royalties) for the Best Book Combating Intolerance in America has been won by Shirley Graham, whose book, *There Was Once a Slave: The Heroic Story of Frederick Douglass*, was selected from over six hundred manuscripts submitted to the Contest.

The judges for the Contest were Carl Van Doren, Lewis Gannett, and Clifton Fadiman.

Shirley Graham was born in Evansville, Indiana, November 11, 1907 in the home of her great-grandfather who, having been freed from slavery by his owner, bought the Evansville farm before the Civil War. The farmhouse subsequently became a station in the underground railway during the War for slaves escaping into Canada. Frederick Douglass was a frequent visitor and Miss Graham's father used to recall that he once had with him the sword of Toussaint L'Ouverture and that he had once been permitted to hold the sword of the great Haitian liberator.

Miss Graham has been working on the life of Douglass for almost two years and it is the first comprehensive biography dealing with the entire period of Douglass' career. Miss Graham had the advantage of meeting people who knew and worked with Douglass' wife, Helen Pitts.

Miss Graham is a graduate of Oberlin College where she took her



Masters degree. She studied at both the Sorbonne and Yale School of Drama for two years. She supervised and directed the Chicago Federal Theatre Unit that brought the *Swing Mikado* to Broadway and designed and wrote the music for the popular children's production *Little Black Sambo*. For this outstanding achievement she received a Julius Rosenwald Foundation Fellowship for creative writing. She is the author of *Dr. George Washington Carver and Paul Robeson, Citizen of the World* which are biographies for young people. *There Was Once a Slave* is her first book for adults, but she is now hard at work on a second, the story of Anne Newton Royall.

Julian Messner, Inc. will publish *There Was Once a Slave: The Heroic Story of Frederick Douglass*, in the late spring of 1947.

### People's Voice Penthouse Benefit

Canada Lee, Jose Ferrer, Ruby Hill, Gordon Heath, and Ray Lev will appear as guests at a benefit given by the People's Voice, popular Harlem newspaper. The event which is called "Night of Stars" will also feature Maxine Sullivan, Sarah Vaughan, Pete Johnson, John Garth III, Josh Shelly, Rosetta LeNoire, Andy Oliver, Herman Chittison Trio, Georgette Harvey, and Frankie Newton and his band. The event will occupy two floors of the Penthouse at 13 Astor Place on Friday, Dec. 27.

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## 'I'm a Poor Gentleman In Debt,' Says Bilbo

By Fred Vast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Portraying himself as a poor, honest southern gentleman in debt, Sen. Bilbo today denied charges of corruption and blamed Negro and Communist groups for the current "Oust Bilbo" drive.

He said he only has a 3,300 acre plantation, two dream houses and 20 tenant farmers' homes.

Attempting to belittle voluminous evidence before the Senate War Investigating Committee Bilbo lashed out against Edward Terry, his ex-secretary, and former Rep. Ross Collins. Terry and Collins supplied the committee much of the damaging information revealed in the seven days of public hearings.

Bilbo brushed aside huge contributions of war contractors, including one donation of \$25,000 to the 1942 election campaign, as legitimate business. All the money was spent in the contest, he claimed, but he was vague on the transactions and was unable to detail the expenditures. "I did not get a dollar or a penny of it," he declared.

The Mississippi Senator acknowledged the receipt of a \$3,670 artificial lake and island, a \$1,790 paint job on dream House No. 1, a \$1,196 cement job on his swimming pool and other gifts from contractors. However, he denied they were outright gifts, asserted he planned to pay them sometime in the future. Earlier testimony from the donors revealed they had never tried to collect on the items and Bilbo did not claim he has attempted to repay them.

He insisted a new \$1,900 Cadillac car and furniture valued at \$503 to \$1,000 for Dream House No. 2 were legitimate gifts. The auto was given by contractor Mike Morrissey and several contractors donated to the furniture fund.

He described the Cadillac present as "an old southern custom" and cited other gifts of autos to Mississippi officials.

Bilbo categorically denied charges of personal benefit from his \$27,500 church fund which has shrunk to \$7,285 but he failed to supply detailed accounts of the expenditures.

He identified Simon Lieberman, the New Yorker who gave Terry \$15,000 to defeat Bilbo in this year's election, as "a Jewish-Russian immigrant and one of the leading Communists within the United States."

Throughout his day-long testimony Bilbo attacked Terry with all the venom at his command, repeatedly referring to him as deceitful, traitorous and crooked.

"Christ had his Judas Iscariot; Caesar had his Brutus; George Washington had his Benedict Arnold, but I claim to have the greatest traitor of them all in my secretary," he said.

Although Bilbo attempted to discredit his accusers and emphasized the charges were part of a Negro-Communist plot, Senate committee members said they were only interested in the facts concerning gifts from contractors.

Chairman James Mead (D-NY) and Homer Ferguson (R-Mich) asked him to stick to the issue and said they would not consider other elements.

H. J. Anslinger, Commissioner of Narcotics, took the witness stand to confirm that Bilbo asked him for a dope permit on behalf of John Carr, of Natchez, Miss. Carr has been listed as giving \$1,500 to Bilbo's church fund.

## Sabath, Celler Ask Open Hearings in Marcantonio Case

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A public airing of charges and evidence in the Marcantonio case was demanded today by Chairman Adolph J. Sabath (D-Ill) of the House Rules Committee and Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-NY).

Only one side of the issue is being considered, they said in telegrams to Chairman Percy Priest of the House Campaign Expenditures Committee.

"Fairness and justice demands open hearings be held," Celler said. Rep. Oren Harris (D-Ark), a member of Priest's committee, told reporters today that "there seems to be no evidence of fraud, intimidation or coercion with the congressional election," but said the committee's probe will continue after Congress convenes Jan. 3.

A meeting of the full committee is scheduled for Monday, he said, and plans will be worked out then. "Our boys have additional information which we expect to get at that time," Harris told the Daily Worker. Harris complained that the investigation of local authorities into the Scottoriggio death interfered with the committee's work. Investigators working for the committee were unable to interview witnesses now held under guard or under heavy bond, he said, because that might "impede the murder investigation."

## Jiggling Fight Odds Enter Grid Fix Probe

The District Attorney's office yesterday sought to determine whether a syndicate had manipulated the odds on last Friday night's Madison Square Garden fight in addition to trying to fix the New York Giants-Chicago Bears championship football game.

Sources close to District Attorney Frank Hogan said a close study was being made of the way the odds bobbed up and down during the few days between the welterweight fight between Charles Fusari of Irvington, N.J., and Charley Taylor of Coalport, Pa.

The investigation centered on a man known as "Pete," who held a telephone conversation on a tapped wire to Alvin J. Paris, 28-year-old would-be playboy accused of trying to bribe two Giants players to throw the National Football League championship game.

The players were Merle Hapes and Frank Pilchuck, key men in the Giant's lineup.

The trial of Paris, who was denied bail despite the attempts of a powerful legal battery to get him out of a Tombs jail cell, was scheduled to begin today in General Sessions Court.

In their search for "Pete," police were checking on David Krakauer, a Bronx gambler with a police record dating back 26 years and including convictions for arson and counterfeiting. Krakauer was said to be in a New York hospital.

The cast of characters in the fix attempt includes five of young Paris' closest relatives, all with police records of one sort or another; a parade of Broadway party girls who allegedly were used to entertain professional football players; a high-powered criminal lawyer, Caesar B. F. Barra, and the most fabulous characters of all, the anonymous

big-money gamblers of the syndicate for which Paris allegedly was a front.

Internal Revenue agents looking for income tax evasions, stepped into the case in New Jersey, where the gambling syndicate supposedly has its headquarters.

## NLRB Finds Case Co. Unfair

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The National Labor Relations Board tonight ordered J. I. Case Co., to bargain on a closed shop and dues check-off basis with the United Auto Workers (CIO) at its Racine, Wis., plant which has been closed by a strike since Dec. 26, 1945.

The company was ordered to comply by Dec. 27. If it fails to do so, the NLRB will seek enforcement of its order in the Federal Circuit Court for Wisconsin. Refusal to obey a court order upholding the Board would make the company liable to contempt of court.

## Sign Pact With Armour & Co.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Concluding a 21-hour negotiating session, the CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America today signed a new two-year contract with Armour & Co., increasing pay by 7½ to 23 cents an hour.



by BARNARD RUBIN

GEN. DOUGLAS MacARTHUR still coddling a nest of female American traitors in Japan. Group includes U.S. citizens who broadcast Japanese propaganda to this country during the war. The Federal Communications Commission and the State Department have records of those speeches and who made them—but MacArthur—aware of these facts—is sitting on the information. Names of three "American" leaders of the Hirohito gang: Genevieve Topping, Ruth Ward and Elizabeth Kilburn. When I left Japan, they were busily engaged in distributing pro-Hirohito pamphlets to members of the occupation forces. . . .

Midtown Chatter: Katie and Zero Motel will be cast in the role of parents in about a week. If a boy, it will be named Joshua; if a girl, Molly. . . . At Rockefeller Plaza Ballerina Maria Gamberelli keeping in trim doing figure skating. She's deserting ballet to appear in Forbes Randolph's musical In Gay New Orleans. . . . The theatre party business developing fast. Take is now \$2,000,000 a season. Parties have saved many a show by building up large advance ticket sales. . . . Freddie Bartholomew will return to London next year to star for Gabriel Pascal. . . . Victor Moore planning a radio series of his own, authored by Beth Brown. . . . Dancer Paul Hartman had two paintings on display in a 57th Street art shop last week. . . . Top tenor Melchior arriving in New York Jan. 4 to fulfill Met engagements. . . .



Nice Radio Note—for a change: Juano Hernandez, topnotch Negro radio actor, is often featured in straight white leads on the Eternal Light Program. Show highlights slices of Jewish life and is sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary. . . .

### CAMEO: IMOGENE COCOA

Discriminating bistro habitués usually can be found where Imogene Cocoa is performing—now at Cafe Society Uptown. When I caught her act there the other night, the reason was obvious. Small and vivacious, when she bounced on to the floor her antics lit up the night club as if someone had switched on all the lights.

Her stints were lusty satires: Glam-oor, a take-off on glamor girls from Lillian Gish to the '46 model; Musical Comedy, in which she lampoons the entire cast of the traditional musical comedy—plus the curtain; and the old but still good Strip Tease.

Imogene's russet hair is one of the main props of her routines. A flounce, and her appearance is transformed to fit her characterization. A long but attractive nose point up a soft and mobile face. Her elfin grin puts the customers in the proper mood.

She is lousy without the raucousness of a Betty Hutton or Joan Davis. The belly-laughs she evokes reminded me of those swell times one occasionally has in one's own family circle, when everybody, in good spirits, takes off on a natural comedy routine with a complete absence of affectation.

In times like those, one's "act" is in tune with the "audience," and there is a complete affinity between the "actor" and the family clique. No subtleties are missed, every allusion hits the funnybone, and one can be ribald without being offensive.

Earthiness, satire and subtlety combined with a warm friendliness—that's Imogene Cocoa.

Typically, when we spoke about show business, Imogene's main beef didn't concern herself—she's fairly well established—but the horrible struggles young aspirants of the theatre are forced to undergo.

She claims they are victims of a small but greedy group of theatrical agents, who monopolize most of the available jobs and who have leagued with the producers against the agents' own clients. For example, she said, an agent will suggest that an actor take a \$100 a week salary when he knows he could just as easily get his client \$150. She charges the agents are doing this on the producers' behalf so the latter can keep down costs at the expense of actors. In return, she alleges, the agents receive a cut from the producers in addition to the 10 percent they get from the actors.

Imogene evidently is a thinking comedienne. It's too bad she, and others of similar caliber, can be seen only in night clubs. There are millions who don't and can't go to night clubs. . . .

### Tip to National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Negro Congress:

Look out for the new Proctor and Gamble (Ivory Snow) radio serial now in rehearsal. Titled "Rosemary," show will feature a burlesque characterization of a Negro child named "Snowball." Directions (these are the actual quotes) to people auditioning for the role of "Snowball": "Make it sound like a real pickaninny. . . ."

## U.S. JURY FAILS TO INDICT IN GEORGIA LYNCHING OF 4

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 19.—A Federal Grand Jury which had questioned about 125 witnesses ended a three-weeks' inquiry into the Walton County, Ga., lynching of four Negroes late today, and returned no indictments. The Negroes had been lynched last July 25.

FBI agents by the dozens roamed the county looking for evidence. But today the Federal jury advised Judge T. Hoyt Davis that they could not establish the identity of the mobsters who dragged the Negroes off the road, tied them to trees and riddled the mwth bullets.

Four Negroes, sitting in the rear room, were the only spectators.

Had there been any Federal indictments, they would have been only for violation of the victims' civil liberties rights. The jury had been instructed that it could not indict unless a state or Federal of-

ficer was involved in the lynchings, either directly or indirectly.

The jury reported to the court that it could find no such evidence.

## Ask 14c. Raise

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, today demanded a 14-cent hourly "cost of living" increase from Pacific Coast waterfront employers.

### New Haven Dinner

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 19.—A spaghetti dinner tomorrow (Friday) will mark the halfway point in The Worker subscription drive here. The dinner, at 37 Howe St., will be tendered those pledging five subs before the drive closes.